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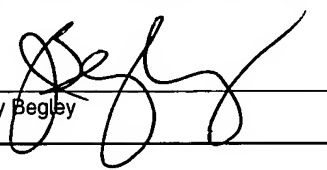
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In the Final Office Action dated November 1, 2005, the Examiner maintained the rejection of each of the claims in the application. In particular, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 11, 18-27, 29, and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,960,198 issued to Roediger et al. ("Roediger") in view of an article entitled "Lifting the Lid" by Hughes ("Hughes"). These claims include all of the independent claims in the application. The remaining claims were rejected over a combination of Roediger, Hughes and certain other references. For the reasons set forth below, these rejections should be withdrawn.

I. Roediger And Hughes Are Not Properly Combinable Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 11, 18-27, 29, and 31-33 over the combination of Roediger and Hughes. The Examiner contends that Roediger discloses each of the elements of